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DIVISION OF
OIL GAS & MINING

Re: Bear Canyon Ten-Day Notice (TDN) 92-02-352-002 TV1

Dear Mr. Braxton:

During the quarterly oversight meeting held at the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's (DOGM) offices on April 1, 1992, you requested an explanation on why the subject TDN was issued more than 10 days after the inspection. I have investigated the issue and have the following information:

The inspection was conducted on March 12, 1992. OSM's inspector needed more information before the inspection report could be completed and before a decision could be made on whether or not a TDN would be issued. The inspector returned to the Albuquerque Field Office late on March 13, 1992. The needed information from the DOGM inspector was received by fax at the end of the day on Friday, March 20, 1992, after several contacts with him during the week. The needed information pertained to the Division order on BTCA. The inspection report and the TDN were completed on March 24, 1992. After supervisory review of the documents, the package was mailed on March 26, 1992, and received by DOGM on March 30, 1992.

If you need any further information, please contact Russ Porter at (505) 766-1486.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Hagen, Director
Albuquerque Field Office